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Ex parte VIKTOR KELLER,  
THOMAS KENNEDY  
and  
WILLIAM RISEN

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Appeal No. 2001-2609  
Application 09/040,798

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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An examination of the file reveals that a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed September 22, 1999 (Paper No. 8). It is not apparent from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for consideration of the IDS, appropriate notification to appellants, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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